

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

Claims 30-33 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 16-18 and 21-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbs (US 5,566,237) in view of Elliot (US 7,110,558) and Chaudhri (US 7,343,566).

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 16, 17, 21 and 23 have amended so as to include the features previously recited in claims 30-33, respectively, which were indicated as not being disclosed or suggested by the references relied upon in the rejection, as well as the prior art in general. Further, one of the limitations previously recited in claims 16, 17, 21 and 23 has been removed therefrom and a variant of this limitation has been added to claims 30-33, respectively.

Because of the above-mentioned amendments, it is believed clear that claims 16-18 and 21-33 are allowable over the references relied upon in the rejection. Furthermore, it is submitted that the distinctions are such that a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would not have been motivated to make any combination of the references of record in such a manner as to result in, or otherwise render obvious, the present invention as recited in claims 16-18 and 21-33. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 16-18 and 21-33 are clearly allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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